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1. Considerable activity is taking place at the military aircraft factory at Rakovica near Belgrade. The new building which houses the production plant is known as the 21 May Factory. At this installation are large quantities of German machine tools, mostly obtained by the Yugoslav Government as part of the Allied-sponsored dismantling program [redacted] Some new machinery at Rakovica has been obtained [redacted] The production plant is currently engaged in turning out Argus-type piston engines for use in training planes, as well as baby jet engines, for which a manufacturing license was obtained from the [redacted] 1
2. The laboratory or experimental section at Rakovica is located on the premises of a tractor factory. As a result of intervention by Air Force General Zdenko Uleplic with the Yugoslav Government, funds have been made available for the expansion of the experimental section. The former test stands, originally built by Italian engineers in 1936, were considered obsolete and have been replaced recently with new test stands of modern design. It is now possible to test an entire jet engine as well as the following engine parts: the compressor, the turbine, and the combustion chamber.

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4. The main handicap at Rakovica is the shortage of experienced, trained personnel. The production plant turns out much waste material, but the machine parts which are finally approved are of excellent quality. Until recently the head of the production plant processed all material furnished to him. A specialist has been appointed whose job it is to test all material before it is put into production.

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5. The following individuals are known to be connected with developments at Rakovica:
- a. General Zdenko Uleplic, Chief of the Yugoslav Air Force;
 - b. Lieutenant Colonel Franjo Lolic, deputy to General Uleplic;
 - c. Colonel Karl Jelinek, chief of one of the experimental projects in jet development;
 - d. Major Vlado Derdevic, Colonel Jelinek's deputy;
 - e. Engineer Ivo Vuskovic, in charge of the experimental side of the jet development project; and
 - f. Engineer Kukanja, in charge of the production side of the jet development project.

1. [] Comment: [] for information concerning the purchase of this license.

2. [] Comment: For information previously disseminated on Yugoslav interest in jet engines []

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